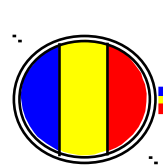## *Update to*

2000 Worldwide OPFOR Conference Issues

LTC Jim Clark

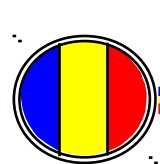**Opposing Forces Directorate, TRADOC DCSINT**

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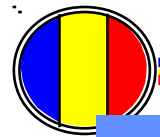
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Background

- TRADOC DCSINT hosted 5th Annual Worldwide OPFOR Conference in Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD, 1-3 Feb 00

- Issues on following slides were raised during conference and required resolution

- Periodic updates will be provided

Issue 00-01: What is the status of Operational Environment (OE) implementation at the CTCs?

- **Discussion:** Actions for implementing the OE continue to be worked: implementation of White Paper concepts, CSA approval of CTC Vision, and trainer articulation of what the required BLUFOR training experience is at each CTC. (See slide notes)

- **Action**: Work within the CTC FAA Working Group to resolve issues and determine, if necessary and acceptable, adjustments to target rotations for implementing the OE.

- **Status**: Working

- **Action Office**: OPFOR Directorate/LTC Clark, DSN 680-4298, and Mr. Jim Wolfe, DSN 552-7646.
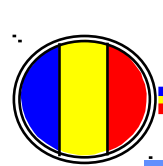
- **Suspense**: Ongoing

Issue 00-02: What is the status of the Threat Support Directorate (TSD) threat data warehouse?

- **Discussion**: TRADOC DCSINT tasked TSD to develop a website allowing Army-wide access to threat/OPFOR information.

- **Action:** Compile a website based data warehouse for threat/OPFOR information. Issue Sheet submitted to CTC CoC asking for funds and an additional DAC position to develop website. CTC CoC did not validate as a CTC bill. DCSINT (TSD) continues to explore funding options.

- **Status**: Working

- **Action Office**: TRADOC DCSINT, TSD/Mr. Jim Calway, DSN 552-7919.

- **Suspense:** 01 September 00

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Issue 00-03: What is the status of OPFOR Conference website?

- **<u>Discussion</u>**: OPFOR Directorate established a website with conference information for the 5th Annual OPFOR Conference. Site lacked briefings and other conference related products, as well as products from the previous conference.

- **<u>Action:</u>** Currently developing process for easy exchange of ideas/issues/concerns between two groups: live simulations (dirt-CTCs, 21st Cav, etc.) and constructive simulation (BCTP, USAR Divs (TS), etc.)

- **<u>Status:</u>** Open. Website established and information posted at *http://www.monroe.army.mil/dcsint/opfor.htm*

- **<u>Action office:</u>** OPFOR Directorate/CPT Ochoa DSN 680-2787

- **Suspense:** 1 July 00

Issue 00-04: Scope of OPFOR Validation Visits.

- **Discussion:** TRADOC DCSINT wants to examine the feasibility/desirability of expanding the scope of TRADOC DCSINT CTC OPFOR validations to consider other areas/factors. Additionally look at ability to expand current annual assistance visits to non-CTC OPFORs (RC OPFORs, 21st CAV) to validations similar to those done at the CTCs.

- **Action:** Results of Staff Study briefed to DCSINT. Currently studying recommendations and guidance from DCSINT and staffing with other TRADOC agencies.

- **Status**: Working

- **Action Office**: OPFOR Directorate/SGM Lowry (CTCs) & Mr. Ed Elmore (non-CTCs), DSN 680-3947

- **Suspense:** 1 August 00.

Issue 00-05: Status of OPFOR Program of Instruction (POI) for USAR Divisions (Training Support).

- **Discussion:** USAR OPFORs conduct their own OPFOR certification programs using the TRADOC POI and OPFOR Training Support Packages (TSPs). A number of the TSPs were approved prior to the FM 100-60 series manuals being put on hold pending ramifications of the OE. Also, unsure if the POI has ever been formally validated/approved, and if not, who must do that. (See slide notes)

- **Action:** Develop standardized POI and appropriate TSPs. (See slide notes)

- **Status**: Working.

- **Action Office:** TRADOC DCSINT, TSD/ Mr. Jim Calway, DSN 552-7919.

- **Suspense:** 1 Aug 00.
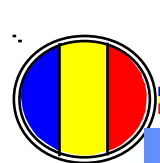
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Issue 00-06: Compromising of OPFOR standards during training events

- **Discussion:** USAR OPFORs concern that their OPFORs were often unreasonably constrained by Exercise Directors and Training Unit commanders to the detriment of realistic training.

- **Action:** TRADOC DCSINT raised issue with the FORSCOM DCSOPS and subsequently provided him with a point paper compiled from data provided to DCSINT by USAR OPFOR representatives

- **Status:** Monitoring.

- **Action Office:** OPFOR Directorate/CPT Keith Ochoa, DSN 680-2787
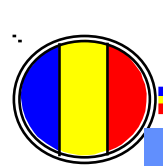
- **Suspense:** 01 Aug 00

Issue 00-07: Status of revised OPFOR doctrinal manuals reflecting the OE

- **Discussion:** Current FM 100-60 series and TRADOC Pam 350-series manuals, as well as CAC NKPA Handbook, remain in effect and represent approved Doctrine. Next iteration of OPFOR Manuals, FM 100-62 will be the first published and will cover conventional OPFOR responses to neighboring threats and potential responses/adjustments should U.S. forces become involved.

- **Action:**   Develop concept for additional or revised FM 100-60 series FMs and other products. Determine production schedule.

- **Status**: Working. (See slide notes)

- **Action Office:**   TRADOC DCSINT, TSD, MAJ Jon Cleaves, DSN 552-7975
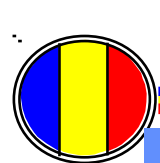
- **Suspense:**   01 July 00

Issue 00-08: Frequency of OPFOR Conferences

- **Discussion:** Past OPFOR Conferences have been held annually. TRADOC DCSINT expressed interest in having them more often, perhaps semi-annually, and set a tentative timeframe of six months for the next conference.

- **Action:**   Researched concept of conducting more frequent conferences including such issues as de-conflicting with CTC rotations, ability of RC attendees to obtain necessary training days and funding, and specific objectives for more frequent conferences. Consensus from all participants was for an annual conference, hosted on the East Coast. After reviewing feedback, DCSINT decided upon annual conference (6-8 Feb 01) and NGIC agreed to host again at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

- **Status:** Closed.

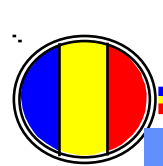- **Action Office:** OPFOR Directorate/CPT Keith Ochoa, DSN 680-2787

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Issue 00-09: Laydown of required capabilities for each CTC

- **Discussion:** TRADOC DCSINT requested a laydown of the capabilities present/required for each CTC.

- **Action:** OPFOR Directorate compiled a complete list of major systems at NTC, JRTC, and CMTC and submitted to DCSINT in April 00.

- **Status:** Closed

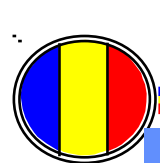- **Action Office:** OPFOR Directorate/CPT Keith Ochoa, DSN 680-2787

Issue 00-10: Status of active duty Training Standardization Officer position at the 91st Division (Training Support)

- **<u>Discussion:</u>** 91st requested assistance in determining if this position could be coded requiring an OPFOR/CTC background. TRADOC DCSINT agreed to investigate.

- **<u>Action:</u>** Research determined that DA Form 872 (Requisition for Individual Officer Personnel) contains provisions for identifying special skills required for positions. (See slide notes)

- **<u>Status:</u>** Closed.

- **<u>Action Office:</u>** OPFOR Directorate/Mr. Ed Elmore, DSN 680-3947

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Issue 00-11: Revised CAPSTONE Process for OPFOR Modernization

- **Discussion:** The CTC program is beginning a CTC Program Strategic Plan in an attempt to address CTC modernization.

- **Action:**   ATSC is staffing a Live CAPSTONE Requirements Document (ORD) in an attempt to obtain funding priority in the FY 04-09 POM. This effort includes an OPFOR Annex which addresses future OPFOR requirements. These requirements are coordinated with DCSINT. Legacy requirements documentation for the OSTV-Tank, OPFOR Aviation, and OPFOR Surrogate Wheeled Vehicle, are also being worked between ATSC, DCSINT and STRICOM.

- **Status:** Working.

- **Action Office:** OPFOR Directorate/Mr. Ed Elmore, DSN 680-3947

- **Suspense:**   01 August 00

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Issue 00-12: Implementation of the OE into the Total Army Training System

- **Discussion:** Upon approval of the White Paper and continued promulgation of the FM 100-60 series OPFOR manuals, the OE will have to be integrated into the Total Army Training System; e.g., schoolhouse and other instruction.

- **Action:** Develop a plan for accomplishing this task. (See slide notes)

- **Status:** White Paper approved and OPFOR doctrine being written by TRADOC DCSINT (TSD).

- **Action Office:** TRADOC DCSINT, TSD/ Dr. Don Madill, DSN 552-7926.

- **Suspense:** 01 November 00

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